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### A message from our Leadership Team

I would like to begin by welcoming students and staff back into the academy following the Easter break. It has been wonderful seeing everyone get back into the swing of things and embracing the chance to teach and learn in a face to face environment. Well done to all those students who have continued to access their learning from home as and when they have needed – blended teaching and learning is most definitely the new normal.

For many, the start of the new term saw the beginning of the Holy month of Ramadan. This spiritual month is a time for reflection and self-improvement allowing those who fast the opportunity to not only better themselves but to support those less fortunate in any way possible. In line with tradition, the Academy will host its annual fasting challenge this year. The fasting challenge involves staff fasting for three days, at the end of which they are provided with a three-course meal. The meal is prepared by fellow staff members and distributed at the end of the three days.

As you are aware, in place of exams this year students in Years 11 and 13 are sitting formal assessments. The timetables for these have been distributed to the students. I want to wish the students the best of luck for these assessments. I am confident that your hard work and commitment will support your overall success.

When reflecting on everything we have gone through this past year, I like to think of the small positives we can take away. Many of us have had to adapt to ways of working and living that we didn't think was possible. We have strengthened our ability to be resilient and to persevere and we have in many ways brought out the best versions of ourselves. I see hope for the future. This comes in many forms, for me personally, the longer days, warmer weather and the flowering daffodils at Lister Park remind me of brighter days ahead.

I hope that everyone finds it within themselves to see something in their life, however small, as a blessing and something to look forward to.



Mrs Akbar – Assistant Principal

### ARE YOU IN THE KNOW?

1 day off school = 5 lessons  
3 days off school = 15 lessons  
1 week off school = 25 lessons

Even 99-97% attendance can seriously impact outcomes, confidence and personal development

#MissSchaffMissOut

### MATHS PUZZLE

Can you solve our Maths puzzle? Email Mr Ishaq to receive your reward!



The total cost of a pair of shoes and a hoodie is \$150.

The hoodie costs \$100 more than the pair of shoes does.

How much does each item cost?





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### Supporting Our Community

A group of budding student leaders from Bradford are currently raising funds to help support their local community and make it an even more fantastic place to live.

Six Oasis Academy Lister Park teenagers have started a group called 'Oasis Smiles', and want to give back to the Bradford community. The group have recently created a GoFundMe page which has already raised £300, they currently have a goal of reaching £500. Donations no matter how big or small will enable Oasis Smiles to provide support packages for local people, including: food, toiletries and other items that will be useful during the continued difficult time of COVID. Once the packages are created, they will then be delivered by a small team of volunteers to local community members. They aim to deliver these packages throughout the school holidays.

Can you help support the student leaders of Oasis Academy Lister Park by donating to their GoFundMe page? You can donate and see any updates as their work continues by clicking [here](#).



### PE Extra-Curricular Activities

As a department we would just like to take this opportunity to thank all students on their effort of taking part in online lessons during each lockdown of the pandemic. As a school we have been fortunate enough to offer you online live workouts, where Miss Foster and Miss Reilly put together some fantastic workouts for you to do at home. During lockdown we also saw a lot of students across school rise to the occasion and develop a philosophy of 'Loving PE', this was evident in the work produced and participation levels in PE staff online lessons.



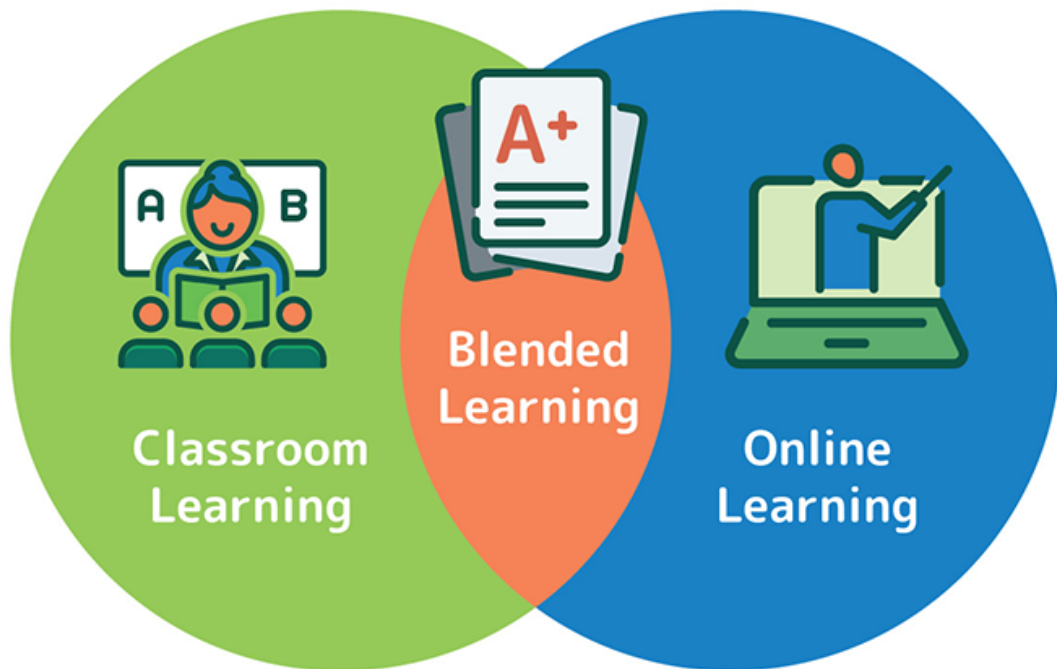
We are currently running extra-curricular every night for both boys and girls. We have had a really good uptake on extra-curricular, which is great to see following on from lockdown 3. Students at OALP always have the opportunity of getting involved in extra-curricular. Join us to develop your sports knowledge and have fun with your friends in a game based setting. To view our timetables, click [here](#).

To find out how to keep up with your child's progress, behaviour and attendance, sign up to My Child At School (MCAS). Click [here](#) to find out how!

Have you  
signed up to  
MCAS?

### Safeguarding Message

We understand this is a difficult time for many families in our community. We regularly update our website with contact details for agencies that can help you with your mental health, foodbanks and many other types of support. For more information, please contact the academy by phone or email.



# CALLING ALL PARENTS

**We are looking to invite parents to join our dynamic Blended Learning Group!**

This will give you an opportunity to have an insight into how students are taught using a blended learning method in school and at home.

We will be offering training for parents around the use of ICT so you can support your children at home

Chance to have your say – what works well and what barriers are faced.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF  
THE BLG OR WANT SOME MORE INFORMATION  
AROUND THIS PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#).**

Social media - it lies in the darkness waiting for you, feeding of your contempt and despair. Social media – it vilifies the best of us, making monsters of men. Social media - the cunning culprit in the downfall of the human race.

To put it plainly, social media is an absolute waste of time. Of course, like anything, there are bound to be positive aspects of it but like anything, too much of a good thing becomes negative. And when something is specifically tailored for overconsumption, it becomes a problem.

In an ideal world, social media could be a unifying safe haven amongst humans. A place where, unlike any other, people from around the globe can meet, unite, share experiences, share cultures, grow and learn. And instead, what is it used for? Body shaming and cyberbullying and fueling insecurities. As a collective body sharing responsibility for one another, we should never have let it get to this. We are designed by our creator to be more intelligent, more civilized, more than just mindless, unthinking zombies crawling back to our perpetrator time and time again, repeating the same vicious cycle of abuse.

This affects nothing but our own health and that's why I decided to do something about it.

One month ago, after my phone had become water-damaged, I placed it in rice. There it still lays, abandoned and alone because I took the executive decision to take charge of my own life. You see, it had been a lingering sort of notion, for the longest of times, in the furthest depths of my mind to perhaps get rid of my phone. Lacking the willpower however, there it laid, in my trouser pocket, hot to the touch from the constant usage. Until one day, as if by some divine intervention, I had the perfect reason to let go of this clinging demon. Since then, I have been smartphone-less and have a simple old Nokia to get me through my day of calls and messages. I love it. To me, this idea of social media is just a lingering notion in the furthest depths of my mind. I am no longer dependent on it and that could be perhaps the most refreshing thing; to not be dependent on anything in this age of reliance, incredulity and distrust.

I encourage anybody and everybody, try a day, a week, a month without your smartphone. Learn to appreciate the little things in life: The soft breeze on your face, chilling your skin on a eventful Monday morning; the elegant swirls of chocolate dancing in your cup of cocoa; the beauty of staring into the abyss and pondering your existence. Its these little things that make us human, and its these little things that social media strips us of.

### Oasis Smiles

Thank you for an absolutely brilliant response to our community project: "*Oasis Smiles*". As of writing, we have raised £310. This money will go directly back into the community towards helping those in need. A huge thank you to everybody who has donated! Know you are making a change!

### Newsletter

Anybody who is interested in writing for the newsletter, please do reach out. Any ideas are accepted! We'll be happy to make you a part of the team! Just email me: [atyab.mohammed@oasislisterpark.org](mailto:atyab.mohammed@oasislisterpark.org)



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